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Effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights

Programme budget implications of draft resolution

A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 53rd meeting, on 21 November 2017, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 104 to 1, with 63 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.3/72/L.70) was before the Committee.

II. Request contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the Assembly at its seventy-third session.



III. Relationship of the proposed request to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 20, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1) and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Sect. 24), respectively).

IV. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the report would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document of 8,500 words, to be issued in all six languages in 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in the amount of \$32,200 in 2018.

5. In addition, an amount of \$48,300 would be required under section 24, Human rights, to cover the cost of general temporary assistance equivalent to a P-4 post for three months in 2018. The general temporary assistance staff member would conduct research and solicit and analyse input from stakeholders on the impact of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights and prepare the draft report of the Secretary-General.

V. Financial implications of the proposal

6. Additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of \$80,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 to implement the additional workload. The details of these additional resource requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

<i>Resource requirements for 2018</i>	
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Pre-session documentation	32 200
Subtotal, section 2	32 200
Section 24, Human rights	
General temporary assistance at the P-4 level for 3 months	48 300
Subtotal, section 24	48 300
Total	80 500

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

7. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of \$80,500 for 2018 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VII. Contingency fund

8. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.49/Rev.1, additional resource requirements in the amount of \$80,500 for 2018, comprising \$32,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$48,300 under section 24, Human rights, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The amount of \$80,500 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.